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E. W. RUTTER, Manager.

Hongkong, September 4, 1890. 1362

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THOMAS JACKSON,

Chief Manager.

Hongkong, August 23, 1890. 363

NOTICE.

RULES OF THE HONGKONG SAVINGS' BANK.

1.—The business of the above Bank will be conducted by the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, on their premises in Hongkong. Business hours on week-days, 10 to 3: Saturdays, 10 to 1.

2.—Sums less than \$1, or more than \$250 at one time will not be received. No depositor may deposit more than \$2,500 in any one year.

3.—Depositors in the Savings' Bank having \$100 or more at their credit may at their option transfer the same to the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation on fixed deposit for 12 months at 5 per cent. per annum interest.

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5.—Each Depositor will be supplied gratis with a Pass-Book which must be presented with each payment or withdrawal. Depositors must not make any entries themselves in their Pass-Books but should send them to be written up at least twice a year, about the beginning of January and beginning of July.

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7.—Withdrawals may be made on demand, but the personal attendance of the depositor or his duly appointed agent, and the production of his Pass-Book are necessary.

For the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation.

THOMAS JACKSON,

Chief Manager.

Hongkong, May 13, 1890. 754

## Intimations.

CHINA TRADERS' INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

### NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE Twenty-Fourth Ordinary MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in the above Company will be held at the HEAD OFFICE, Victoria, Hongkong, on THURSDAY, the 11th PROXIMO, at 4 o'clock p.m., for the purpose of presenting the Report of the Directors and Statement of Accounts to 30th April last, and of declaring Dividends. The Transfer BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 29th Instant to the 11th PROXIMO, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

W. H. RAY,  
Secretary.

Hongkong, August 19, 1890. 1465

## NOTICE.

THE STEAM LAUNCH COMPANY, LIMITED.

THE Third Ordinary Half-Yearly MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the Company's OFFICE, 9, Praya Central, on THURSDAY, the 11th September, 1890, at 4 p.m.

The Transfer BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 1st to 11th September, 1890, both days inclusive.

By Order,

A. G. GORDON & CO., Ltd.,  
Managers.

Hongkong, September 1, 1890. 1547

## NOTICE.

THE Ordinary General MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in the above Company will be held at the Company's OFFICE, on SATURDAY, the 20th INST., at Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Managers, together with a Statement of Accounts to 30th June, 1890.

The Transfer BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 11th to the 20th September, both days inclusive.

DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

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DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & CO., General Managers.

Hongkong, September 6, 1890. 1567

## Intimations.

NOTICE.

A Special General MEETING of the MEMBERS of the HONGKONG GENERAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE will be held on THURSDAY, the 18th Instant, at the CITY HALL, at 4 o'clock p.m., to nominate a Member of the Chamber for election to the Legislative Council.

By Order,

F. HENDERSON,  
Secretary.

Hongkong, September 8, 1890. 1572

## NOTICE.

THE PERSEVERANCE LODGE OF HONGKONG,

No. 1165.

A Regular MEETING of the above LODGE will be held in the FREEMASONS' HALL, Zetland Street, on TUESDAY, the 16th Instant, at 8.30 for 9 p.m., precisely. VISITING BRETHREN are cordially invited.

Hongkong, September 6, 1890. 1569

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Hongkong, September 6, 1890. 1547

## Business Notices.

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Hongkong, September 2, 1890. 1551

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Patterns Free by Post on application.

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VIETORIA EXCHANGE, September 6, 1890. 1565

NOTICE.

THE INTEREST and RESPONSIBILITY of

Mr. ALEXANDER PALMER MAC-EWEN in our Firm in Hongkong and China, ceased on the 30th June last by Mutual Consent.

HOLLIDAY, WISE & CO.

Hongkong, September 3, 1890. 1554

NOTICES to Consignees.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNNEES.

FROM CALCUTTA, PENANG AND SINGAPORE.

NOTICE.

THE S.S. ARRATON having arrived

from the above Ports, Consignees of

Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods are being loaded at their risk into the HONGKONG and KOWLOON WHARF AND GOPOWA COMPANY'S Godown at West Point, whence delivery may be obtained.

TERMS OF SALE.—As customary.

MEN.

## To-day's Advertisements.

Occidents & Oriental Steamship Company.  
TAKING CARGO AND PASSENGERS TO JAPAN, THE UNITED STATES, CANADA, CENTRAL AND SOUTH AMERICA, AND EUROPE, VIA THE OCEAN LINER RAILWAYS, AND ATLANTIC & OCEAN CONNECTING RAILWAYS.

THE steamer BELGIC will be despatched from Hongkong, via Macao, on TUESDAY, September 16th, 1890, at 1 p.m. Consignment being made in accordance with Schedules from Shanghai and Japan Part.

All Paved Passage should be marked to address in first, and two will be received at the Company's Office until 5 p.m. the previous to sailing.

First-class Passes granted as follows:—

To San Francisco ..... \$225.00

To San Francisco and return ..... 393.75

To Liverpool ..... 325.00

To London ..... 330.00

To other European points at proportionate rates. Special reduced rates granted to Officers of the Army, Navy, Civil Service and the Imperial Chinese Customs, to be obtained on application.

Passengers by this Line have the option of proceeding onward by the Southern Pacific and connecting lines, Central for Northern Pacific or Canadian Pacific Railways.

Passenger, who have paid full fare, re-embarking at San Francisco for China or Japan or vice versa within one year will be allowed a discount of 10%. This allowance does not apply to those fares from China and Japan to Europe.

Considerate treatment is accorded. Cargo destined to points beyond San Francisco, in the United States, should be sent to the Company's Office, addressed to the Collector of Customs, San Francisco.

For further information as to Freight or Passage, apply to the Agency of the Company, No. 36, Queen's Road Central, G. D. HARRMAN, Agent.

Hongkong, August 25, 1890. 1583

CANADIAN PACIFIC STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

TAKING CARGO AND PASSENGERS TO JAPAN, CANADA, THE UNITED STATES, AND EUROPE, VIA

THE CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY AND OTHER CONCERNED RAILWAY LINES & STEAMERS.

THE British Steamship STRAITS OF BELLE ISLE, 2,483 Tons Register, Capt. Gurney, will be despatched from VANCOUVER, B.C., via INLAND SEA, KOBE, and YOKOHAMA, on THURSDAY, the 13th September, at Noon.

This Steamer will not carry First or Second Class Passengers.

To be followed by the S.S. ABYSSINIA, 28th September; and PARTHIA, 7th October.

Connection will be made at Yokohama with Steamers from Shanghai and Japan Ports, and at Vancouver with Pacific Coast Points, by the regular Steamers of the PACIFIC COAST STEAMSHIP COMPANY and other Steamers.

Through Passage Tickets granted to England, France, and Germany by all trans-Atlantic lines of Steamers.

First-class Passes granted as follows:—

To Vancouver & Victoria (Mex.) \$210.00

To Montreal, New York, &c. 190.00

To Liverpool ..... 325.00

To London ..... 330.00

To other European points at proportionate rates. Special reduced rates granted to Officers of the Army, Navy, Civil Service and the Imperial Chinese Customs, to be obtained on application.

General Agents—Despatched Cargo destined to points in the United States, should be sent to the Company's Office, addressed to Mr. D. E. BROWN, District Freight Agent, Vancouver, B.C.

Freight will be received on board until 4 p.m. on the 17th September.

All Parcels must be sent to our Office and should be marked to address in full, and the same will be received by us until 5 p.m. this day previous to sailing.

For information as to Passage, apply to

ADAMSON, BELL & CO., Agents.

Hongkong, September 4, 1890. 1582

## INTIMATIONS.

CHAS. J. GAUPP & CO., Chronometer, Watch & Clock Makers, Jewelers, Gold & Silversmiths, NAUTICAL, SCIENTIFIC AND INSTRUMENTS, VOYAGELAND, CELESTIATE, BINOCULARS AND TELESCOPES, RUBIN'S LIQUID AND OTHER COMPASSES, ADMIRALY & IMRAY CHARTS, NAUTICAL BOOKS.

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NO. 21 & 24, QUEEN'S ROAD, CENTRAL.

## To-day's Advertisements.

THE ITALIAN CONVENT. AN APPEAL.  
THE SUPERINTENDENT OF THE ITALIAN CONVENT will most thankfully receive from kind-hearted Residents any cast-off Clothes, Food or Medicines for the benefit of the many poor children under her charge.

Hongkong, September 9, 1890. 1583

FROM HAMBURG, PENANG AND SINGAPORE.

THE Steamship Daphne, Capt. G. Vess, having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby requested to send in their Bills of Lading for counter-signature by the Undersigned, and to take immediate delivery of their Goods from alongside.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded on notice to the contrary be given before Noon To-day.

Any cargo impeding her discharge will be handed into the Godown of the House, Kowloon Wharf & Godown Co., Ltd., and stored at Consignee's risk and expense.

No claim will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godown, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 10th Inst., will be subject to rent.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godown, where they will be examined on the spot.

Fire Insurance has been effected.

SIEMSEN & CO., Agents.

Hongkong, September 9, 1890. 1580

THE CHINA SHIPPERS' MUTUAL STEAM, NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR LONDON.

The Co.'s Steamship "Glenorchy," Capt. PERROTSON, will leave for the above Port shortly after the arrival of the next English Mail Steamer from Europe.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., Agents.

Hongkong, September 9, 1890. 1582

NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR DEBTS.

Whether the Captain, the Agents, or Owners will be Responsible for any Debts contracted by the Officers or Crew of the following Vessel, during their stay in Hongkong Harbour:

ESCORT American barque, Captain Robt. Lyde—Chinese.

J. D. BISCHOF, German ship, Capt. H. Meyer—Mechers & Co.

SINTHAM, American ship, Captain M. A. Woodside—Russell & Co.

HONGKONG.

ARRIVALS.

September 8, 1890.—

Daphne, German steamer, 1,905 T. Wts., Hamburg and Singapore September 2, General.—SIEMSEN & CO.

September 9:—

Congo, French steamer, 2,517 Tons, Shanghai September 6, Mails and General—MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

Hulbong, British steamer, 733, F. D. Goudard, Toulon September 5, Amoy 7, and Swatow, 8, General.—DORRAGH STEAMSHIP CO.

Glenorchy, British steamer, 1,933, A. J. Jacobs, Yokohama September 5, B. I. B. JARDINE, MATHESON & CO.

Vesper, French gunboat, 300, Captain Goudre, Swatow September 8, at 3 p.m.

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DAKIN BROS. OF CHINA, LIMITED.

CHINESE & H. M. I. S. M. S. T.

Quinine and Iron Tonic.

THE Iron in this preparation is in a form and chemical condition easily broken up and assimilated by the blood. In this form, combined with Quinine, it makes a powerful, stimulating and strengthening Tonic, which speedily removes the cause of so many distressing symptoms, arising from nervous, chilli and malacia fevers. Per bottle, 50 Cents and \$1.00.

Concentrated Compound Decoction of Red Jamaica Sarsaparilla.

This preparation contains all the virtues which have raised that medicine to the deserved highest estimation in the medical world, as a sustaining purifying tonic. It has a singular influence over the blood, which it enriches and purifies.

It removes all pimples and blotches, cures indigestion, strengthens the debilitated frame, builds up the most shattered constitution, and in fact acts like a charm.

Concentrated Fluid Extract of Red Jamaica Sarsaparilla.

This preparation is decidedly preferable to any other form in which Sarsaparilla can be administered. It contains the whole active and medicinal properties of the root in the highest state of concentration, and the addition of the Iodide will be found to greatly enhance the curative properties of the Sarsaparilla as a Blood Purifier.

It is recommended in all cases requiring treatment for Secondary Symptoms, and in Scrofulosis, or other diseases of the skin. Per bottle, \$1.50 and \$2.75.

General Memoranda.

THURSDAY, September 11:—

2.30 p.m.—Arrival of Old Paintings.

4 p.m.—Meeting of Shareholders of the China Traders' Insurance Co., Ltd., at Head Office.

4 p.m.—Meeting of Shareholders of The Douglas Steamship Co., Ltd., clamped from this date to the 20th instant, inclusive.

FRIDAY, September 12:—

Goods per Aragon, 4,000 cwt., undelivered after this date subject to rent.

8.30 p.m.—Meeting of British Merchant Marine Officers' Association at the Marine Hotel, Praha West.

MONDAY, September 15:—

Goods per Daphne, undelivered after this date subject to rent.

THURSDAY, September 18:—

4 p.m.—Meeting of Members of the Hongkong General Chamber of Commerce at the City Hall.

SATURDAY, September 20:—

Noon—Meeting of Shareholders of The Douglas Steamship Co., Ltd.

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H. E. KUO, ex-Tao-tai of Shanghai, who some time ago was appointed to the jurisdiction of Chinkiang Province, has been promoted, according to a recent edict, to the Provincial Treasurer of the Kiangsu Province.—*Singha Mercury*.

A NUMBER of masters of steamers, using the North Channel between Nanking and Shanghai have found to their cost within the last few years that the channel sounding as given on the charts do not agree with the actual state of affairs. There has been a siltling up in some parts and a shifting of the bed in others, so that it is not an uncommon occurrence for vessels to run ashore, as the soundings given on the charts cannot be depended upon. Within the last few days, no less than five steamers have been ashore in some portion of the North Channel. A new survey is much to be desired.—*N.C. Daily News*.

EARNEST efforts are being made, says the Peking correspondent of the *N.C. Daily News*, to restore the Hui river to its original channel. Under pressure of high water the banks were broken just south of Li Kou bridge and the water burst through the Emperor's south hunting park, sweeping down many villages in its track. Reaching the Peiho, it caused that river to break its south bank and the water swept over the plain en route to the Gulf. The swiftness of the current is shown by the fact that for more than 20 ft from the break in its banks the Peiho flows up stream. It requires a clear head to know which way you are going when one reaches that portion of the river.

The Chinese have taken to tennis at Peking. The *Peiping Gazette*, in recent issue, says:—“We are pleased to note that another Lawn Tennis Club has been started by a number of young Chinese gentlemen who are beginning to appreciate this popular game and the voluntary bodily exercise it gives. In the absence, however, of a suitable ground in the town, they have selected Mr Cheuk Tok Shun's beautiful country residence at Biki Erskine, where a lawn is being speedily ready for them. There is a fine swimming bath at this place which forms an additional attraction, and the name ‘Recreation Villa,’ which, we understand, it is proposed to give to it, will be an appropriate one.”

H.M.S. *Wanderer* arrived at Yokohama from North Borneo on the 24th ult., and was to go on to Hakodate on the 27th, to join Admiral Salmon's squadron, in company with the *Mercury*. The *Wanderer* is to re-commission, to be relieved by the *Archon*, from the Cape, while the *Peacock*, gun-boat, is to relieve the *Mercury*. There is a rumour of a naval review, but its authenticity is doubtful, that the *Sans Pareil*, a 1,470-ton ironclad, steaming 16 1/2 knots and carrying two 110-ton guns, as part of her armament, remaining out as a cruiser. The *Porpoise*, *Rattler*, and *Rambler* are to re-commission at Hongkong this year and early next. After that the *Rambler*, now surveying at Chusan, goes down to Borneo.—*N.C. Daily News*.

We (*N.C. Daily News*) recently recorded the proceedings at the French Mixed Court where a woman and her daughter were indomitably treated by a subversive magistrate, because the daughter refused to return and live with her husband's family by whom she was ill-treated. Another case of a wife refusing to return to her husband has just come to light. Some time ago, a girl was married to a man at Szechow, but was so badly treated that she ran away and came to Shanghai to live with her mother. This was several months ago, but the husband and his mother having discovered the whereabouts of the runaway, came to Shanghai to claim her, and threatened that if she did not return with them they would kill her. She refused to go, and her mother offered the husband money to allow her daughter to stay in Shanghai. This was refused, and the husband finally took his wife away, but they had not gone far before she died, for, rather than endure a repetition of the ill-treatment she had been previously subjected to, she committed suicide by taking opium.

A FESTIVAL OF NEW TEETH.—The Japanese are proverbially skilled in devising protests for celebrations and festivals. It suits their sunny disposition to discover as many occasions as possible for rejoicing. A family festival in honour of the growth of an old gentleman's teeth is, however, about as remarkable as the fact which it is intended to commemorate. The *Hochi Shimbun* says that such an event is on the tops and gives place and name in support of the assertion. A certain Mr. Ito Yae, living at No. 61, Ichibei-cho, Nichome, Tokyo, having been very fond of sweet things in his youth, lost all his teeth before he was forty, and supplied the deficiency with a false set. For a long time he remained happy in the possession of this artificial furniture, but quite recently, being in his sixtieth year, he was surprised to find his front teeth growing again. The thing appeared incredible at first, but by and by there were unmistakable evidences that the veteran was about to be provided by nature with an entirely new set of incisors. Preparations are accordingly in progress for a grand family festival, at which all the old gentleman's friends and relatives are to assist in celebrating his second tooth.

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We learn from private sources that the Piontien Gas Company's shares will shortly be placed on the Shanghai market. Negotiations are being carried on with Chinese in the native city of Tianjin to supply oil, and the arrangements were nearly perfected when the floods caused a temporary delay. As soon as the water recedes it is anticipated that the negotiations will be proceeded with.—*N.C. Daily News*.

A TELEGRAM in our San Francisco exchanges, dated New York, August 3rd, says:—“The steamers *Glengoe* and *Monmouthshire* left Japan on June 10th. After stopping at various ports in the China seas to complete their cargoes, they started on a race for New York. The *Glengoe* has arrived here, having made the trip from Japan in the remarkably short time of fifty-four days, beating the record by a day. The *Monmouthshire* is expected home.”

THE value of the soap curiously manufactured in Osaka is between Yen 80,000 and yen 90,000. Of this about half goes to China, while the balance is consumed at home, the greatest sale taking place in the months of May, June, July, and August. This year, however, the figures for the exports are considerably below the average, though the cholera epidemic in Nagasaki has greatly quickened the demand in the Kiusiu.

There is some hope for the Pienmen Company yet. If they cannot get gold, they ought to set up as collectors of curiosities. The *Seattle Times* says:—“Mr. A. Marquis, who has returned from the Pienmen gold mines, where he was book-keeper, brings with him a large collection of butterflies, moths, and beetles, some skeletons of birds, a stone ‘to cure snake-bites,’ various furs and fishes, and a number of other curiosities. It is Mr. Marquis's intention to present his collection to the Raffles Museum. Among his other curiosities is a rattan sixty-five long. Mr. Marquis's collection will be on view at Emerson's Tiffin Room for the next few days before it is presented to the Raffles Museum.”

In his recent report on the Mixed Court Mr. Curries drew attention to the dangerous habit of selling opium on time, that is, being extended in some cases, we understand, to from one to five years. The opium merchants have now agreed not to sell on such long credit, and the Chinese dealers here, in consequence, established a ‘taboo’ against the importers. The Chinese dealers are bringing up the drug they require from Hongkong, and the opium merchants are reshipping their stocks to that port, and stopping outward shipments thence. Thus, in the hope of injuring the opium merchants here, the Chinese dealers are buying in Hongkong, and taking all the risk and trouble and expense of importing themselves the very drug which they could get cheaper here.—*N.C. Daily News*.

A BILL is to be introduced in the Singapore Legislative Council providing that a certified copy of any entry in a tinker's book (certified to be one of the ordinary books of the bank) shall in all legal proceedings be received as *prima facie* evidence of such entry and of the master, transactions and accounts therein recorded, an officer of a bank shall not in any legal proceedings to which the bank is not a party be compelled to produce any banker's book the contents of which can be proved under this Ordinance or to appear as a witness to prove the master, transactions, and accounts therein recorded under order of a Judge made for special cause. The Bill is an adaptation of a recent Imperial Act and will doubtless be found a great convenience to Banks. We suppose a similar ordinance will be introduced in Hongkong.

THE following letter, says the *Hi-Go News*, its contents will show, comes from a gentleman who, making a mistake in certain money matters, was discharged from the office in which he was employed. His views on the standard of morality in Japan are certainly interesting:—“Dear Sir,—Many thanks for your kind introductions to Messrs. ——, but, as the latter spoke badly of me to the former, I indeed troubled you and held in my future business. I don't mind anything about this, for still I am teaching Japanese to some foreigners and they trust me. I have heard something wrong about me and you should have felt regretful since you gave me an appointment for a while, but I have some excuse about me. When I first came to New York I was in —— office and it refuted me. One of these gentlemen also expressed admiration of the system by which New York is lighted by a single huge oil well in the centre. All of this sounds incredible, but is the literal truth.”

In the latter part of the sixth moon Prince Chien, the father of the Emperor, began to complain of illness, and continued in poor health up to the 8th of the present month. On that day he became very ill and kept his bed in the morning. Some of the Imperial Princes went to see him and found him so ill that they immediately sent for a doctor, and informed His Majesty of the Prince's condition. The Emperor upon hearing the intelligence dressed himself in haste for travelling, and hurriedly went with a few attendants in a sedan chair to Prince Chien's bedside. The Emperor's guards had to hasten after his Majesty with all despatch in order to protect his sacred person from a fall or harm. The officials, whose office it should have been to see the route his Majesty's way to be taken and in proper order, having had no intimation of His Majesty's setting out, did not take the necessary steps to fulfil their duty; so consequently His Majesty was subject almost to all the inconveniences of an ordinary traveller who had to put up with only what was on his way to see Prince Chien. The only means taken to clear the road for the Emperor was the sending forward of a crier who commanded all the people to stand back and clear the way for the passage of the Emperor. This hairy journey was made by His Majesty under a heavy storm of wind and rain. At about 4 o'clock in the afternoon, when the Emperor arrived, the Prince began to be really very bad, but, after a short rest, on the arrival of the Emperor, he hastened to his bed and lay down, and his friends came back to him, and he indeed did not sleep well. The Emperor, however, was distressed by the swift current, jumped in after him. This man was a good swimmer, but the waters ran swiftly, his strength gave out, and he was carried down by the current. Then arose a cry from the spectators when they saw that the Japanese was going to sink. By this time the foreigner had almost reached the opposite bank, but when he heard the cries of the crowd he turned about, and seeing that he could get across no other way, taking his clothes off he tied them up in a bundle and threw them on his head and jumped in. By this time an interested crowd had assembled, and much concern was felt for the foreigner's safety. At last a Japanese, animated by the bravery of the foreigner, and seeing he was sore distressed by the swift current, jumped in after him. This man was a good swimmer, but the waters ran swiftly, his strength gave out, and he was carried down by the current. Then arose a cry from the spectators when they saw that the Japanese was going to sink. By this time the foreigner had almost reached the opposite bank, but when he heard the cries of the crowd he turned about, and seeing that he could get across no other way, taking his clothes off he tied them up in a bundle and threw them on his head and jumped in. The Prince began to be really very ill, but the Emperor hurried to his palace about 8.20 p.m., and visited his father again the next morning. During the rain-storm, through which the Emperor hurried to Prince Chien's bedside, it began to rain, but the lamps were necessary.—*Hi-Go News* translated by Shanghai Mercury.

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THE *S.S. Heron*, which went ashore on Bush Island at 2 a.m. last Tuesday, was floated off on Wednesday afternoon at about four o'clock, and arrived in Shanghai the same night. She has gone into the Old Dock, but she does not seem to have much to do with her, and will probably be out again in a day or two.—*Shanghai Mercury*.

Turn *N.C. Daily News*, writes:—“We have to thank the Director of the Sianwei Observatory for a copy of the *Bulletin Mensuel* for April last, with the usual detailed tables and diagrams. Pao Chevalier noticed the abnormally high temperature which distinguished last April; not only was the mean of the month 27.9 above the normal mean, but the greatest proportion of the daily means were above the range habitual in April. On three occasions, says the Director, the 10th, 19th, and even 23rd, the maximum reached, and even passed 36° Fahr., and on these days it is to be noticed that the barometer was lowest. There is much interesting information on the atmospheric disturbances in April, and a separate detailed, illustrated, monograph on the Monsoons on the Coast of China, which we hope to refer again hereafter. As the name of the pamphlet shows, these detailed reports are sent out monthly by Father Chevalier. Our highly official aid to Kowloon is generally a year and a half behind with his reports, and they are of little practical value when issued.”

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